

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of
4 Army Pfc. Adam Thomas on August 31, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Army Pfc. Thomas was one of two Army snipers
6 killed during an intense 90 minute gun battle near the
7 Pakistani border; and

8 WHEREAS, Army Pfc. Thomas joined the Army in August 2001
9 and was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division, based at Fort
10 Drum; he had served in Afghanistan in 2002 and returned after
11 his orders came in June 2003; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas lived in the south suburbs until he
13 was 15 years old; he attended Stagg High School in Palos
14 Hills before he moved to La Plata, Missouri in 1997; he
15 graduated from La Plata High School in 2000 where he was an
16 all-star baseball player; and

17 WHEREAS, The passing of Army Pfc. Adam Thomas has been
18 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his
19 mother, Ellen DeGolyer Thomas, his father and stepmother,
20 Jeff Thomas and Cindy Thomas; a brother; two sisters; a half
21 brother; a stepbrother; a stepsister; his maternal
22 grandmother; and his paternal grandparents; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
25 we mourn the passing of Army Pfc. Adam Thomas, who will be
26 remembered as a hero of the United States Army; and be it
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Army Pfc. Adam
29 Thomas and his willingness to serve our great nation which
30 led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Army Pfc. Adam Thomas as an
3 expression of our deepest sympathy during their time of
4 bereavement.